

at Munich. His health is much better.  
will soon leave us to join Henry and Henry  
P.S. It is very probable that Franky

Roxbury, Sept. 18, 1866.

My beloved Friend:

I am greatly obliged to you for your kind, sympathizing letter of the 12th inst., which was read by all the family with an interest proportionate to their regard and affection for you.

It is exactly six months to-day since I had my second fall, which, in addition to the injury done by my first one, has crippled me all that time, and thus prevented me from doing any thing, either by way of writing for the press or doing any thing else wherewith to "make the pot boil." Not having earned a penny, and having run up large bills for medical advice and divers kinds of treatment, - finding one proposed remedy after another utterly unavailing to give even temporary relief, - it was not only a most generous and brotherly act on your part, but singularly fortunate, that you procured in my behalf, last October, an insur-



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ance policy against accidents for the term during which I have been hors du combat. I have not yet presented my claim; but within a few days, I have received a letter from the Agent of the Traveller's Insurance Company, residing in Roxbury, intimating a readiness to make prompt settlement at any time; so that I have no doubt every thing will be honorably settled, without cavil or drawback, as soon as my bill is made out; in which case I shall be most happy to certify to the promptness and integrity of the Company in discharging their obligations.

Each of my falls was a headlong one, of great violence, and precisely in the same manner, severely injuring the right arm and shoulder-blade, the synovial membrane, and all the nerves and muscles connected with the socket, causing a fever of the bone, and such abiding suffering and anguish that I can truthfully declare that I have not had one night's



sleep since my second fall—a period of six months! In other words, my nights have all been nights of keen neuralgic pains, requiring me to place my injured arm now here, now there, to obtain relief, but all in vain. During the day I have had to drowse as best I could, the pains being less acute in the day-time than in the night, but unfitting me for any mental thought or continuity of labor. You will see by this, that my nervous system has received a severe shock, which, of course, has affected my general health. I have tried to get relief by the applications of electricity and powerful animal magnetism, a great variety of liniments, plasters, hot and cold compresses, warm spray and baths, <sup>and</sup> taking various kinds of medicinal preparations—*sc.*, *sc.* These have all been as impotent as "water upon a duck's back." It would have been far easier to cure if I had dislocated or fractured a bone. Within



the last fortnight, however, I have been  
trying magnetism at the hands of a healing  
medium (a lady) in Boston, and begin to  
feel some good effects from it; so that,  
with the aid of Turkish baths, powerful ma-  
nipulations, and, above all, time, I begin  
to hope for ultimate deliverance, with no  
permanent injury to my arm.

Of course, I have done nothing  
whatever towards writing or gathering the  
materials for the proposed History of the  
Anti-Slavery Struggle. Indeed, as yet, I  
feel no inspiration to make the attempt, and  
doubt if I shall ever undertake the deli-  
cate and difficult task. But with reviv-  
ing health I may be in a different state  
of mind. I now feel the misfortune of  
never having kept any diary or record dur-  
ing the long and eventful conflict; and  
all the more so as my memory of persons  
and events is sadly defective.



I have read with great interest and pleasure your articles in the Christian Register, and trust you will continue your "Recollections of the Early Anti-Slavery Reformers" through the same channel. What an amazing change is indicated in your being not only permitted but solicited to write such articles for the Christian Register! — Mr. Bush, the editor, is a very amiable man, imbued with the right spirit, and a believer in progress and reform.

You feelingly speak of your indebtedness to me in the past, in the way of incentive and inspiration to labor in the cause of oppressed and suffering humanity. My dear friend, the account is more than balanced; for what have I not owed to you for early encouragement, untiring co-operation, a beautiful and noble example, the warmest friendship, and the most strengthening support? You have been of immense service to me from the start.



It would give dear wife and me the greatest pleasure to accept your kind invitation to visit you and Charlotte at Syracuse; but wife is too helpless to undertake such a journey, and I cannot properly leave her now, as she is without a nurse, and requires my company and care. Ah! that we could daily see each other, face to face—all the more, because our earthly race is so rapidly nearing its end!

I congratulate you that you have been permitted to enter upon your 70th year. May the desire of your soul be granted you, "to live to see the complete triumph of liberty"! But what a conflict yet remains to be fought with the dragon-spirit of the South, under the lead of Andrew Johnson!

Wife is in her usual health, and sends much love to you and Charlotte. We both congratulate John Edward on his approaching marriage. Fanny writes to us every week from Zurich, Switzerland. She is soon going to Munich, and is very happy.  
 Rev. S. J. May. Ever admiringly yours, Wm. Lloyd Garrison.